

sworn statement, duly executed as required herein, together with the deposit fee of twenty-five dollars, the Secretary of State shall issue to such corporation his certificate, under his hand and the seal of his office, setting forth that said corporation has complied with the requirements of the preceding section, that its business is such as may be lawfully carried on by a corporation incorporated under the general laws of this State, and that it is entitled to continue or to commence business in this State, as the case may be.

1898, ch. 270.

109 c. Any person or any officer of such corporation who shall presume to act as agent or employe of any such foreign corporation, or to open or continue an office for the transaction of the business of any such foreign corporation, before the provisions of section 109 A have been fully complied with, and before said corporation shall have procured the aforesaid certificate from the Secretary of State, shall forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day he may act as such agent or employe, or may occupy such office for the transaction of such business, and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney for the city or county in which such business is transacted, or is proposed to be transacted, to prosecute for and recover such penalty; provided, that agents or officers of foreign corporations doing business in this State on the 9th day of April, 1898, shall not be held liable to the penalties herein prescribed until on and after the first day of July, 1898.

Ibid.

109 d. No such foreign corporation shall be permitted to maintain any action, either at law or in equity in the courts of this State, until the provisions of section 109 A shall have been complied with; provided, that in the case of such corporations doing business in this State on the 9th day of April, 1898, this section shall not apply until on and after the first day of July, 1898.

Ibid.

109 e. Upon the application of any person interested, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish copies of such charters, certificates or acts of incorporation and sworn state-